

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

#### **PEPNet '02 Awards Ceremony Scheduled for September 12 at USDOL Headquarters.**

**Nineteen 2002 Awardees Announced.** The Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet) will honor 19 initiatives that are setting the standard for youth preparation programs nationwide. Emily Stover DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, and Steve Trippe, Chair of the National Youth Employment Coalition, will lead the awards ceremony. To attend the awards ceremony or the luncheon discussion forum with the awardees on Capitol Hill, please contact: Paul Masiarchin (202) 659-1064 or [pm@nyec.org](mailto:pm@nyec.org). The 2002 awardees include:

**ARBOR Career Center of Rochester and Monroe County**, NY; ARBOR Inc.; Media, PA\*

**ChevronTexaco STARS Program**; ChevronTexaco Corp.; Bakersfield, CA\*

**Community Youth Corps**; SELACO; Cerritos, CA\*

**David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center**; Texas Educational Foundation, Inc.; El Paso, TX\*

**Denison Job Corps Center**; Management and Training Corporation; Denison, IA

**Enterprise for High School Students**; San Francisco, CA

**Juma Ventures**; San Francisco, CA\*

**Larkin Street Youth Services' HIRE UP Program**; San Francisco, CA

**The Massachusetts Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network, Inc. (MY TURN, Inc.);**  
Brockton, MA\*

**Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT)**; Brooklyn, NY

**Our Piece of the Pie (OPP)**; Southend Community Services; Hartford, CT

**Pittsburgh Job Corps Center**; ResCare, Inc.; Pittsburgh, PA\*

**Project CRAFT**; Home Builders Institute; Programs throughout Florida

**Project Paycheck**; Laramie County Youth Services Council; Cheyenne, WY

**Re-entry Education Attainment Program (REAP)**; Kern High School District Career Resource  
Dept.; Bakersfield, CA\*

**WAVE and PAVE Programs**; MMI Youth Services; Clare, MI

**The Work Force**; Cambridge Housing Authority; Cambridge, MA

**YouthBuild Rockford**; Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc.; Rockford, IL\*

**Youth Connections**; Workforce Development, Inc.; Rochester, MN\*

\* Denotes PEPNet Renewal Award. For more information on PEPNet and NYEC, or for a list and description of the 69 initiatives around the country recognized by PEPNet, visit:  
[www.nyec.org/pepnet/listprac.htm](http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/listprac.htm) or call 202-659-1064.

#### **National Youth Employment Coalition Seeks Applicants for the New Leaders Academy of Class 2003.**

The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) is currently seeking applicants for the 2003 New Leaders Academy, a competitive year-long professional management and training program specifically designed to equip mid-level youth service professionals with the skills and

comprehension necessary to successfully manage and lead youth programs. Those selected participate in two one-week long residential training sessions that include seminars on the most current information about practice, policy, and research from the fields of youth employment and youth development. **Application deadline: November 1.** For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org/newleaders2003pr.htm> or contact Mindy Larson, at 202-659-1064 or [ml@nyec.org](mailto:ml@nyec.org).

**CampusCares To Promote Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.** A coalition of national higher education associations have launched "CampusCares" to encourage and recognize the involvement of those on America's college campuses--students, faculty, administration, and staff--who serve their community. Over the next month, CampusCares will highlight up to 50 exemplary campus programs. The new CampusCares website, <http://www.CampusCares.org>, provides an overview of community service and civic engagement--what the terms mean, what campuses are doing, and where to go for more information. It will also serve as a source of ideas and examples for those interested in enhancing their campus's service activities. A list of institutions, which includes a brief description of their back-to-school efforts and media contact information, is available on the CampusCares Web site at [www.campuscares.org/newsroom/launchschools.html](http://www.campuscares.org/newsroom/launchschools.html).

### **Opportunities for Youth**

**2-1-1: A National Initiative to Link People with Community Services.** 2-1-1 is a local, state, and national initiative that links people with local community service information by phone. 2-1-1 is the national abbreviated dialing code set aside by the FCC for free access to human services information and referral nationwide. Rather than searching for telephone numbers for organizations that can help with particular needs, callers will be able to get all the information they need from 2-1-1 centers. To obtain more information on the 2-1-1 nationwide collaborative and a state-by-state breakdown of 2-1-1 implementation efforts, visit: [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) or contact Dan Williams at 404-373-5785, [dwilliams@airs.org](mailto:dwilliams@airs.org) or Linda Paulson at 703-836-7112, ext. 211, [Linda.Paulson@uwa.unitedway.org](mailto:Linda.Paulson@uwa.unitedway.org).

### **Program Spotlight**

**Credit Union Programs and Products for Youth.** Establishing a credit union in a school is a great way to teach young people money management and real-life employment skills. Student volunteers act as branch managers, assistant managers, tellers, bookkeepers and computer operators. There are more than 200 student-run credit union branches nationwide in grades K-12. School credit unions need to be sponsored by a local credit union and must have an employee from the sponsoring credit union on-site during hours of operation. For more information, visit the Credit Union National Association's web site [www.cuna.org](http://www.cuna.org). Click on "youth education", then "online directory", which lists the Credit Unions with In-school or Youth Center branches.

**Denver Youth meet Mayor Webb.** Members of the Denver Youth Opportunity (YO) Basketball Teams met with Denver Mayor, Wellington Webb on August 16. Mayor Webb recognized and congratulated them on teams for their win in Boston. Participants and staff all wore their YO shirts and showed their winning plaques to Mayor Webb. The Mayor was presented with a YO! T-shirt, was made an honorary member of the team, and handed out certificates to all the participants. This was a positive and rewarding experience for participants and staff! For more information, contact: Raymond H. Gonzales Jr., Office of Youth Services & Job Corps, (303) 844-1660, [rhgonzales@doleta.gov](mailto:rhgonzales@doleta.gov).

**LA Youth Make Business Plans in Entrepreneurial Program.** Since it began in October 2000, the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) Entrepreneurial Program has trained 50 youth in business development, product development, planning and marketing skills. Highlights of the 18-week program include learning basic and advanced tenets of Entrepreneurialship, interacting with

business and community leaders, and writing a plan to start their own business. Each cycle involves 10 youth, selected through applications and interviews. For more information, please contact Jimmy Valenzuela at 323 - 266-7581.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**MetLife Foundation Youth-City Connection** invites cities and towns across the country to apply for technical assistance in developing and implementing strategies to expand and encourage youth participation and involvement in their communities. The National League of Cities's Institute for Youth, Education, and Families is carrying out this initiative. To obtain application material visit: [www.nlc.org/iyef](http://www.nlc.org/iyef).

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**"Juvenile Gun Courts: Promoting Accountability and Providing Treatment,"** published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), explains federal legislation authorizing the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) program which calls for the establishment of juvenile gun courts. To download this publication, visit: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/court.html#187078>.

**"Public Alternative Schools and Programs for Students At Risk of Education Failure: 2000-01,"** published by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is the first national study to provide data on topics related to the availability of public alternative schools and programs, enrollment, staffing and services. To download this publication, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2002004>.

**"Cellblocks or Classrooms? The Funding of Higher Education and Corrections and Its Impact on African-American Men," (August 28, 2002)** from the Justice Policy Institute, shows that during the 1980s and 1990s, state spending on corrections grew at six times the rate of state spending on higher education, and by the close of the millennium, there were nearly a third more African-American men in prison and jail than in universities or colleges. To download this publication, visit: <http://www.justicepolicy.org/coc1/main.htm>.

**"Modern-Day Youth Gangs," (June 2002)** released by OJJDP, reports the proliferation of gangs into smaller cities, towns, suburbs and rural communities. The data have led experts to question whether modern-day youth gangs differ significantly from their predecessors. To download this bulletin, visit: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/gang.html#191524>.

**YCWorks!** published by the Leonard Resource Group, Inc., is a monthly newsletter for Youth Councils. The LRG, Inc. is also working with local youth councils and their staff to prepare submissions for USDOL's new Promising Practices web site ([www.promising-practices.org](http://www.promising-practices.org)). If you or any of your Youth Councils would like assistance in researching, writing a subscription, or submitting a model program to this innovative site, please contact Ericka Hines at [ehines@lrginc.org](mailto:ehines@lrginc.org).

**"People with Disabilities Strengthening the 21st Century Workforce" (July 26, 2002)** - The Final Report of the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities presented to the President of the United States. To download this report, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/sec/programs/ptfead/2002rpt/index.htm>

### **Websites**

**Promising Practices Website.** A new web site, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, and managed by the Illinois Department of Employment

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Security, promises to become a research and reference resource for innovative and continuous improvement practices in workforce development. Users will be able to search documents, practices, or both in the promising practices database and tailor a search by variables including population(s) served, geographic scope, topic area(s), industry sector and improvement area. To submit information about "promising practices" taking place in your local community and to explore the website, visit: <http://www.promising-practices.org>.

**Susquehanna Workforce Network's (SWN) Youth Council On Line!** Students from Aberdeen, Maryland High School have designed a "youth services" link on SWN's website. Explore this website by visiting: <http://www.swnetwork.org/ywp/index.htm>.

**National Center on Workforce and Disability/Adult (NCWD).** NCWD/Adult (the TA resource center funded by ODEP to serve adults) has launched a new-and-improved Web site. Consult the Quick Directory for over 130 articles on workforce and disability issues - designing access for all, policy analysis, helping customers find jobs - or learn more about NCWD training and consultation services. <http://www.onestops.info/>.

**Explore the website icouldbe on <http://www.icouldbe.org/>.** icouldbe connects teens with career mentors over the Internet to help teens discover what they could be. Adults may register their youth programs with icouldbe or become a career mentor.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Youth Opportunity Grant Directors' Meeting** will be held on October 28-30 in Los Angeles, California. The meeting will be held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club at 431 West 7th Street. For registration, call 1-800-421-8777. The rate is \$134.77, which includes your breakfast, lunch and break service. For more information about this meeting, contact Beth Bienvenu at [bienvenub@tatc.com](mailto:bienvenub@tatc.com) or call Hugh Davies at 202-693-3627.

**The 14th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference** will be held on October 9-13 at the Town & Country Conference Center in San Diego, CA. For more information about this conference, visit: [http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/14annual\\_conf/14annual\\_conf.htm](http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/14annual_conf/14annual_conf.htm).

**Rural Conference 2003 – Bigger and Better!** On April 27 - 29, 2003, professionals, volunteers, business representatives and other rural community advocates, from throughout the western states, will gather at the Reno Hilton in Reno, Nevada for the Rural Workforce Conference 2003. Planning is underway now to provide more than 40 workshops and numerous plenary sessions addressing the myriad of issues related to developing and sustaining a vibrant rural community.

The conference planning committee is currently seeking workshops in the following topic areas: Working With and Engaging the Private Sector, Rural Community Resources, Education, Housing, One-Stops and Workforce – Addressing Business Bottom line, Economic Development, Community Imaging /Marketing, Successful Community Development Endeavors, Childcare /Elder Care, Distance Learning, Rural Community Development and Technology, Customer Service and Continuous Improvement, and Services to Specific Populations.

Those interested in serving as workshop presenters, please submit your workshop information to Kris Latimer (541-928-0241, ext. 219, e-mail [kris@tocowa.org](mailto:kris@tocowa.org)) no later than December 13. For more information about this conference visit: <http://www.tocowa.org>.

### **Calendar of Events**

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**September 12–13. PEPNet Institute**, Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org>.

**September 17 – 19. Peer-to-Peer- Developing Activities to Engage and Retain Highly At-Risk Youth**, Denver, CO. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**September 23-26. Peer-to-Peer - YO! in the Recording Studio**, Memphis, TN. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 8 – 11. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop**, Seattle, WA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15 - 18. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop**, Brockton, MA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15-17. DOL Region 3 - Southeast Regional Youth Summit**, Charlotte, NC. For more information, visit [www.schoolandmain.org](http://www.schoolandmain.org) or call Gene Caso at 404-562-2382 #129.

**October 16-18. DOL Region 5 Youth Development Conference**, Chicago, IL. For more information, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta\\_Index.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta_Index.cfm).

**October 28-30. Youth Opportunity Grant Directors' Meeting**, Los Angeles, California. For more information, contact Hugh Davies at 202-693-3627.

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Healthy Emotional and Psychological Development of Our Youth**, Denver, CO. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Community Service Learning, Milwaukee**, WI. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**January 17, 2003. Entries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Contest**. For more information, contact Anne Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**April 27 – 29, 2003. Rural Conference 2003 – Bigger and Better!** For more information, contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241, ext. 219, e-mail: [kris@tocowa.org](mailto:kris@tocowa.org), <http://www.tocowa.org>.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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